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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

Note by the Administrator

1. The fourth country programme for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya was approved by the Governing Council at its special session in February 1988 for the period January 1988 to December 1991. The main objectives of the programme were: human resources development and diversification of production.

2. The existence of a comprehensive national sectoral strategy, timely availability of financial resources, full participation of the national authorities in the management of the programme and the availability of counterpart personnel proved to be the main factors which determine the success of the ongoing country programme. When these factors have been missing failure has been the result. The net contributor country status of the country has led to the financing of the projects mainly through government cost-sharing funds. Funds-in-trust projects executed by some of the United Nations system organizations have grown over the past years and cover industry, agriculture, physical planning, civil aviation and cultural heritage.

3. A United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) mission visited the country in 1991 to review the conditions for future programming in connection with Governing Council decision 91/29. In discussions with government officials, the mission reached the conclusion that the level of the Government's cooperation with UNDP is likely to satisfy the terms of decision 91/29 of 25 June 1991 during the fifth programming cycle.

4. Detailed discussions are being held between the Government and UNDP on the fifth country programme, which is intended to serve as a reference document for the national decision makers as to how best to utilize the comparative advantages offered by UNDP and the sectoral specialization of the United Nations system organizations. To allow time to prepare concrete plans of action as well as to review the financial arrangements required to implement the programme, the Government has requested a one-year extension of the fourth country programme.

5. The fifth country programme is expected to be submitted to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

6. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for a period of one year, beginning January 1992.